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98490. RHODODENDRON CEPHALANTHUM Franch.

A shrub 2 feet high with small elliptical leaves which have brownish wool beneath. The tubular flowers are white.

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98461. RHODODENDRON CHARTOPHYLLUM Franch.

A distinct species with the general characteristics of *R. yunnanense*, but the leaves are usually deciduous, more narrowly oblanceolate, and entirely wanting the bristles on the upper surface, which are typical of the true *R. yunnanense*. The form with leaves completely deciduous is called *R. chartophyllum praecox*. No doubt the two species, both of which grow in Yunnan, hybridize freely, and this probably explains the confusion between them in gardens.

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98462. RHODODENDRON DASYPETALUM Balf. and Forr.

A low shrub 2 to 3 feet high, with scaly branchlets, native to Yunnan, China. The oblong-elliptic leaves, less than an inch long, are densely covered beneath with light-green, overlapping scales. The openly funnel-shaped flowers, 1 inch long, are borne in terminal clusters of 1 to 2 flowers, and the bright purple-rose corolla is softly pubescent outside.

98463. RHODODENDRON FASTIGIATUM Franch.

A low erect shrub with scaly branchlets, native to Yunnan, China. The elliptic-oblanceolate leaves, one third inch long, are densely scaly on both surfaces, and the light-purple flowers, one-half inch long, are borne in terminal clusters of 4 or 5.

98464. RHODODENDRON SARGENTIANUM Rehd. and Wils.

A low alpine shrub up to 2 feet high, native to Szechwan, China. The broadly elliptic mucronate leaves half an inch long are reticulate and shining above, clothed with loose flaky scales beneath. The widely tubular lemon-yellow flowers, less than 1 inch long, are densely scaly outside and are borne in loosely capitate few-flowered clusters.

98465. RHODODENDRON HIPPOPHAEOIDES Balf. and Smith.

A shrub up to 3 feet high, native to swampy situations in the Likang Snow Range, Yunnan, China. The small narrowly oblanceolate leaves obtusely mucronate are covered with contiguous scales above, more densely below; the scales often slightly overlapping are a uniform pale gray. The small flowers, pale lilac to rose, are not spotted.

For previous introduction see 97625.

98466. RHODODENDRON HYPOLEPIDOTUM (Franch.) Balf. and Forr.

A shrub over 4 feet high with scaly branchlets, found in open situations in pine forests at 13,000 feet altitude in southeastern Tibet. The oblanceolate leaves up to 2 inches long are scaly on both surfaces, the scales below being rather dense and very unequal, flaky, some pale, others darker; lateral nerves distinct. The small yellow flowers are in terminal clusters of 5 or 6.

For previous introduction see 59076.

98467. RHODODENDRON IMPEDITUM Balf. and Smith.

A low shrublet native to the Likang Snow Range, Yunnan, China, between 15,000 and 16,000 feet altitude. The short branchlets are covered with small black scales, and the broadly elliptic leaves, less than 1 inch long, are deeply scaly on both surfaces, the scales below being about half their own diameter apart, more or less uniform but some darker. The openly funnel-shaped

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flowers, mauve or light purplish blue, are in terminal clusters of 1 or 2.

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98468. RHODODENDRON LYSOLEPIS Hutchins.

A dwarf shrub with erect branches and spreading or recurved oblong-elliptic leaves, glistening glandular scaly above and with scattered scales beneath. The deep-violet to pink-violet flowers, 1 inch across, in terminal clusters of three, have a short-tubed corolla with the limb spreading at right angles. This specimen was described from plants cultivated at Kew.

98469. RHODODENDRON MULIENSE Balf. and Forr.

A low shrub less than 3 feet high with densely scaly branchlets. The oblong-elliptic leaves, less than 1 inch long, are densely scaly on both surfaces, and the bright-yellow flowers are in compact 5- to 6-flowered terminal umbels.

For previous introduction see 94120.

98470. RHODODENDRON MYRTILLOIDES Balf. and Ward.

A dwarf shrublet, 3 to 4 inches high, native to northeastern Burma. The obovate-lanceolate leaves less than 1 inch long are rounded to a thick point and are glaucous beneath with a few scattered scales. The solitary terminal shortly bell-shaped flowers about one-half inch long are plum colored outside and maroon inside and are on slender peduncles over 1 inch long.

98471. RHODODENDRON RACEMOSUM Franch.

Mayflower rhododendron.

An upright Chinese shrub up to 6 feet high, with scaly branchlets, elliptic to obovate leaves which are glabrous above and glaucous beneath, and few-flowered clusters of pink flowers so abundantly produced as to completely cover the plant.

For previous introduction see 97400.

98472. RHODODENDRON OLEIFOLIUM Franch.

An erect shrub native to Yunnan, China. The narrowly lanceolate evergreen leaves, 2 inches long, are glabrous above and densely glandular scaly beneath. The pink to almost white flowers, 1 inch long, are borne in 1- to 2-flowered terminal clusters.

For previous introduction see 58505.

98473. RHODODENDRON RUBIGINOSUM Franch.

A rigid evergreen shrub or tree up to 30 feet high, with scaly purplish branches, native to Yunnan, China, in open situations in forests between 7,500 and 11,000 feet altitude. The ovate to lanceolate leaves, 2 to 3 inches long, are densely covered beneath with brown-red scales. The broadly funnelform flowers, varying from bright red to mauve spotted with brown, are produced in 4- to 8-flowered terminal clusters.

For previous introduction see 86762.

98474. RHODODENDRON RUSSATUM Balf. and Forr.

A small shrub up to 4 feet high, native to Yunnan, China. The oblong-lanceolate leaves, 1 inch long, are densely scaly on both surfaces, being rusty brown beneath. The white-throated deep purple-blue flowers are openly funnel-shaped and are borne in terminal clusters of 4 or 5.

98475. RHODODENDRON SCINTILLANS Balf. and Smith.

A small shrub with erect branches and densely scaly branchlets, native to Yunnan, China. The oblanceolate leaves, one-half inch long, are densely scaly on both surfaces, and the lavender-blue openly funnel-shaped flowers, one-half inch long, are borne in terminal clusters of three from the upper axils of the shoots.

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